

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-21 and added corresponding claims 22-39. Claims 22-39 are pending in this application.

The Examiner stated that the claims in the substitute specification are improper. To avoid any confusion and to accommodate the Examiner's concerns, Applicant has cancelled existing claims 1-8, 11-17 and 19-21, and replaced them with new claims 22-39. Although claims 1-8, 11-17 and 19-21 generally correspond to claims 22-39, additional changes have been made to further clarify the claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 11-17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Wicks (US Patent No. 5889473). The Examiner also rejected the same claims under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Higuchi (US Patent No. 6313735) in view of Wicks. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections to the extent that they apply to new claims 22-39.

Briefly, according to claim 22, a region includes a plurality of information cells (for example, region 1 is shown in FIG. 1 and each information cell is shown in FIG. 5). A hand-held device includes a navigation device such as a GPS device that automatically determines its present location in terms of an information cell. Upon determination, the hand held device selects the stored information associated with the information cell so that it can be played back or reproduced by a reproduction device for a user holding the hand-held device. No new matter is added as the navigation device such as a GPS device is supported by the substitute specification at page 4, lines 24-31.

Advantageously, use of a navigation device that can automatically determine the hand-held device's location provides many advantages. One advantage is that it frees a user from having to plug the hand-held device to a transmitter device each time the user enters a different information cell. In other words, downloading of relevant information is initiated without any user involvement. Another advantage is that downloading information from a transmitter occurs much earlier as it can be initiated as soon as the user enters a different cell. That means the user never has to wait for the download time before it can be replayed.

This advantageous feature is recited in claim 22 as "a navigation device that automatically determines the present information cell the hand-held device is located in, wherein upon determination of the present information cell, the stored information which is assigned to the determined information cell is selected for reproduction by the reproduction device". None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest such a novel device.

Neither Wicks nor Higuchi disclose the use of a navigation system that automatically determines the location.

For the similar reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 22, Applicant submits that independent claims 30 and 39 are also patentable.

Dependent claims 23-29 and 31-38 are also patentable by virtue of their dependency from parent claims 22 and 30.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its earlier allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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